

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2585

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By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos that cities and towns be authorized to adjust certain criteria relative to property tax exemptions for elderly persons. Revenue.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Clause forty-first C of section 5 of chapter 59, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the  
3 first paragraph the following new paragraph:—  
4 A city, by vote of its council and approval or its mayor, or a  
5 town, by vote of the town meeting, may adjust the following fac-  
6 tors contained in this clause by:  
7 (a) reducing the requisite age of eligibility to any person 65  
8 years or older;  
9 (d) increasing either or both the amounts contained in the first  
10 sentence of the first paragraph by not more than 100 per cent;  
11 (e) increasing the amount contained in sub-clause (B) of said  
12 first paragraph from \$20,000 to not more than \$26,000 and from  
13 \$30,000 to not more than \$35,000; and  
14 (f) increasing the amounts contained in sub-clause (C) of said  
15 first paragraph from \$40,000 to not more than \$56,000 and from  
16 \$55,000 to not more than \$60,000.